

Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 14 December 2007



- According to the Associated Press two MBTA trolley trains collided Thursday morning in Boston at about 8 a.m. One of the cars derailed upon impact. Nine minor injuries were reported and emergency crews were called. (See item 11)
- Computer Weekly reports that networks of hacker controlled computers, referred to as botnets, have been seen mounting attacks using peer-to-peer technology instead of the more common hierarchical structure. This method decentralizes attacks, making them harder to identify and thwart. The CEO of Kaspersky Laboratories said the new method had already succeeded in strangling internet communications in the Russian cities of Krasnodar and Astrakhan for several weeks. (See item 22)

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: <u>Physical:</u> ELEVATED, <u>Cyber:</u> ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – [http://www.esisac.com]

1. December 13, Bloomberg – (National) Natural gas rises on outlook stockpiles fell more than expected. Natural gas in New York advanced on speculation that inventories last week declined more than forecast. Supplies of natural gas probably fell 130 billion cubic feet in the week ended December 7, according to the median of 24 analyst estimates complied by Bloomberg. Analysts anticipate withdrawals in a range of 147 billion to 104 billion cubic feet. Temperatures in New York were as much as 13 degrees below normal last week, according to data from AccuWeather.com. Chicago dipped as much as 16 degrees below average, the forecaster said. Should stockpiles decline as

anticipated by analysts, it would be the largest pull from storage since the cold-weather heating season began November 1. The U.S. typically uses about 2 trillion cubic feet from storage during winter.

Source:

http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=aHQReMzFIErk&refer=energy

- 2. December 13, Houston Chronicle (Texas) Freeport power plant will recapture greenhouse gases. A power plant designed to release virtually no greenhouse gases, first planned for Fort Bend County, Texas, instead will be built in Freeport and will create gas for use in Dow Chemical's plants there, participants announced today. The power plant, which will run on the refining byproduct petroleum coke and capture almost all its carbon dioxide emissions, will also create up to 180 million cubic feet per day of synthetic gas for Dow to use in making products at its massive Brazoria County complex. The plant will emit about 8 million tons of carbon dioxide per year, but project developer, Hunton Energy, said it will capture and sell the CO2 for use in enhanced oil recovery. The president of Hunton said the company is negotiating with three companies to purchase the CO2, which will be shipped via pipeline to oil fields.
 - Source: http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/business/energy/5374803.html
- 3. December 12, Associated Press (National) Gas quickly produced from old wells. A vast new energy supply in hard-to-tap older oil fields may be generated simply by feeding fertilizer to some deep-dwelling, gas-making microbes, new research suggests. Canadian and English researchers were able to convert oil into usable methane in small glass tubes during two years of lab research, instead of a process that takes tens of thousands of years underground. The next step is to do it in real oil fields. The new method takes advantage of the natural process that occurs when microbes slowly degrade oil into methane, the chief ingredient in natural gas. The researchers report their experiment in a study published online Wednesday in the journal Nature. "You're talking a very substantial amount of energy," said a University of Calgary petroleum geologist. "It's potentially a game changer if it can be demonstrated." Proving that it could work on a large scale, economically and in real world conditions is the big unknown, the researchers concede.

Source: http://www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/tech/2007/dec/12/121201370.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. **December 12**, **Richmond Register** – (Kentucky) **Lab to increase safety, analyze stored weapons.** The groundbreaking Tuesday of a new analytical laboratory at the Blue Grass Army Depot will mark another step toward preparing for the destruction of chemical weapons in storage. The building will be better equipped to support the chemical weapons destruction plant according to the public affairs officer for Blue Grass Chemical Activity (BGCA) located at the Blue Grass Army Depot. The 2,500-squarefoot building will replace the 650-square-foot building constructed 25 years ago. The lab will double the capabilities of the original lab. The new facility is estimated to cost

about \$600,000 for construction, and the laboratory equipment is expected to cost about \$426,000. Once constructed, the lab will increase the safety margin for employees, and allows analytical analysis (of weapons in storage) to be done "in a far better environment," according to the public affairs officer.

Source: http://www.richmondregister.com/localnews/local_story_346115739.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

- 5. December 13, Dothan Eagle (Alabama, Georgia) No plans for additional Farley reactors. There are no immediate plans to add additional reactors at Farley Nuclear Plant, but officials say the idea has not been ruled out. Southern Company, which operates Farley and two other nuclear power plants, is considering the construction of two additional reactors at Plant Vogtle in Waynesboro, Georgia. However, those plans are not definitive. Should Southern Company decide it wants to build additional reactors at Farley, a long licensing process as well as construction time would take several years before they could come online. Plant Vogtle would increase to four reactors if Southern Company is granted a license and decides to build the new reactors there. Source: http://www.dothaneagle.com/gulfcoasteast/dea/local_news.apx.-content-articles-DEA-2007-12-13-0005.html
- 6. December 12, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (New Jersey, Pennsylvania) NRC to discuss apparent violation with New Jersey firm. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff will meet with representatives of a New Jersey company on December 18 to discuss an apparent violation of agency requirements involving the control and security of NRC-licensed radioactive materials. The apparent violation by Materials Testing, Inc. (MTI) is based on an NRC inspection that identified two examples of a failure to properly secure portable nuclear gauges. Both examples involved gauges not being properly secured or under the direct control and constant surveillance of company employees. Known as a predecisional enforcement conference, the meeting will be open to the public for observation and there will be an opportunity for interested attendees to ask questions of NRC staff before adjournment. On June 19, 2007, NRC inspectors performed an unannounced inspection at MTI facilities in Neffs, Pennsylvania. During this review, the inspectors observed three portable nuclear gauges that had been left unattended by company staff and were not secured by a minimum of two tangible barriers to prevent unauthorized removal, as required by NRC regulations. Source: http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2007/07-065.i.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. December 12, Associated Press – (National) Reduction could help Army readiness. If the Army opts to buy fewer bomb-resistant vehicles for troops in Iraq, the leftover money should be used to sharpen the combat edge of U.S. ground forces, according to congressional proponents of the trucks. While senior Army officials in Washington have

made no decision to purchase less than 10,000 mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles, it is expected they will do so as improved security in Iraq lowers demand for the heavy, V-shaped hulls. Congress has provided the Pentagon with \$21 billion to buy more than 15,000 MRAPs. The Marine Corps, citing the reduced violence in Iraq and the ungainly size of the vehicles, has already announced it wants only 2,300 of the vehicles –1,400 fewer than initially planned. The chairman of the House subcommittee overseeing land forces said it would be good news if the Army also cuts its MRAP purchases because dollars set aside for the vehicles can be redirected to address readiness shortfalls caused by repeated deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-

dyn/content/article/2007/12/12/AR2007121202053.html

8. December 12, Bloomberg – (National) Boeing wins \$800 million NASA rocket-control contract. Boeing Co., the second-largest U.S. defense company, won a contract valued at about \$800 million to build the flight-control unit of NASA's Ares I rocket, the last major award for the program. The Ares I will propel NASA's newest spaceship, the Orion, into orbit and is part of a U.S. program aimed at returning astronauts to the moon by 2020, the agency said at a press conference. Boeing, which previously was selected to build the rocket's upper stage, competed for the flight-control work against the aerospace unit of Broomfield, Colorado-based Ball Corp. The equipment will guide the rocket using onboard computers, flight controls, gyroscopes and other instruments. Boeing will also supply software to monitor speed and position.

Source: http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601103&sid=aGN3xxXmk8OY

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Banking and Finance Sector

9. December 13, Vancouver Province – (International) Cops warn about scam targeting Cantonese, Mandarin speakers. After a "flood" of complaints about a telephone scam, Richmond Royal Canadian Mounted Police are warning Cantonese and Mandarin speakers living in Canada to be leery of anyone calling about lottery winnings. Police say the caller is usually a woman claiming to be with a Hong Kong-based company. She speaks only Cantonese and Mandarin and tells recipients they have won a cash prize and that they have to send money to Hong Kong in order to receive their winnings. The phone calls appear to be made from overseas. The Better Business Bureau of Mainland British Columbia said lottery and sweepstakes frauds were among the top-10 scams of 2006

Source: http://www.canada.com/theprovince/news/story.html?id=81696bc2-8cd4-438d-9138-a304d77e8eb6

10. December 12, KJRH 2 Tulsa – (Oklahoma) Beware scam artists after the storm. The Better Business Bureau urges residents affected by storms to be cautious when hiring companies to do home repair work. However, the Tulsa Better Business Bureau president says an out-of-state company is not necessarily a bad option because "Right now there's so much work to be done local businesses can't handle it all so there are going to be legitimate businesses that come in from out of state."

Source:

http://www.kjrh.com/content/news/problemsolvers/story.aspx?content_id=13de69b1-54f9-41cb-bab0-5cb8c48e5ae2

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Transportation Sector

11. December 13, WCVB 13 Boston & Associated Press — (Massachusetts) MBTA trains collide, injuries reported. Two MBTA trolley trains collided Thursday morning near the Boylston Street T station in Boston, transit police said. The crash happened at about 8 a.m., and MBTA officials said one trolley rear-ended another and one of the cars became derailed upon impact. Nine minor injuries were reported and emergency crews were responding to the scene where some passengers complained of neck and back pain and were taken to the hospital. Two of those saying they were injured were train operators.

Source: http://www.thebostonchannel.com/news/14844163/detail.html

12. December 12, KCRA 2 Sacramento – (California) Bird strike forces plane to land. A Delta Air Lines flight, which was en route to Salt Lake City, had to make an emergency landing Wednesday at Sacramento International Airport after a bird hit the pilot's windshield. There were 56 passengers on the flight, a public information officer for Delta Airlines said. No injuries were reported. The airport does have electronic signals to scare birds away, but experts said Sacramento International Airport has had more incidents of planes hitting birds than any other airport in the state.

Source: http://www.kcra.com/news/14841618/detail.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report.

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Agriculture and Food Sector

13. *December 12*, *Central Florida News 13* – (Florida) **Disease puts Florida's citrus industry in danger.** Citrus fruit, the state's leading agricultural industry, is in trouble, according to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Experts are advising people against planting new citrus trees as canker and citrus greening, bacterial diseases that can damage and kill citrus trees, are on the rise in the state. Fresh fruits and juices, along with other citrus products, have become more expensive as a result of these diseases.

Source:

http://www.cfnews13.com/News/Local/2007/12/12/disease_puts_florida39s_citrus_industry_in_danger.html

14. *December 12*, *Reuters* – (National) **U.S. beef sector, pinched by costs, cuts production.** JBS-Swift & Co. and National Beef Packing Co., the nation's number three and four beef producers respectively, said on Wednesday they will cut production from now through at least the end of the year. Tight supplies of market-ready cattle and high cattle prices combined with abundant supplies of lower-priced pork and chicken have squeezed U.S. beef companies. The top two U.S. beef producers, Tyson Foods Inc. and Cargill Inc., said they have been operating at reduced levels, citing poor market conditions. Consulting firm HedgersEdge.com said U.S. beef companies, on average, are losing about \$45 on every head of cattle they slaughter. With daily slaughter ranging from 125,000 to 130,000 head, that equates to losses of \$5.6 million to \$5.8 million a day for the industry.

Source: http://www.guardian.co.uk/feedarticle?id=7148355

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Water Sector

15. December 13, Tennessean – (Tennessee) Drought's impact on Tennessee persists.

Those watching over Tennessee's water supply say the drought that led to water restrictions in Williamson County and other parts of the Nashville area may have just begun. "We're either in the middle or the beginning of the next historical drought," said the chief of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers water resource division, at a meeting to discuss the state's water supply and how Williamson County could be affected. While a water supply specialist with the Tennessee Valley Authority said that there should be enough water available to meet current and projected demands, the state's water storage supply has not recovered from the summer's lack of rain, and Tennessee is about 18 inches below its average rainfall. The problem is compounded as water consumption continues to rise. "We have five times as many people here as we did in 1941," the Army Corps' chief said. "We're dependent on the same amount of water as we were in 1941."

Source:

 $\frac{\text{http://www.rctimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071213/COUNTY09/712130389}}{1006/MTCN0301}$

16. December 12, Associated Press – (North Carolina) Easley says local water limits possible if drought worsens. North Carolina's governor said Wednesday he could cap water use in some towns and cities if North Carolina's drought worsens but said he does not believe he will have to go that far as long as conservation and cooperation continues. Faced with the worst drought in the state's recorded history, the governor said the state government's role for now is to urge residents to expand conservation efforts and work with stressed local water systems to ensure they can tap nearby water sources in case of an emergency. If those efforts fall short, he said he would use his emergency powers to place a limit on the daily amount of water some communities could use. More than 170 water systems now have mandatory restrictions for water use. Easley was pessimistic about whether that number would go down as forecasters predict arid months ahead. Source: http://www.wsoctv.com/news/14833056/detail.html

Public Health and Healthcare Sector

17. December 13, Associated Press – (National) Merck recalls 1.2 million doses of infant Hib vaccine for contamination risks. 1.2 million doses of a Hib, a common vaccine given to babies as young as 2 months to protect against meningitis, pneumonia, and other serious infections, were being recalled Wednesday because of contamination risks, but a top U.S. health official said it was not a health threat. Drug maker Merck & Co., which announced the recall after testing this week showed a sterility problem in a Pennsylvania factory, said concerned parents should contact their child's doctor. The executive director of pediatric medical affairs for Merck told the Associated Press that, because of the contamination, the company's production line has been shut down for at least nine months, which will likely cause a Hib shortage.

Source: http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,316648,00.html

18. December 12, Associated Press – (International) H5N1 bird flu found in southern Russia. An outbreak of the H5N1 strain of bird flu on a farm in southern Russia has killed more than 35,000 chickens over the past five days, an emergency services official said Wednesday. More than half a million other chickens at the farm are to be destroyed to prevent the virus from spreading, said a Rostov regional emergency services officer. In September, authorities reported an H5N1 outbreak at a poultry farm in the southern Krasnodar region. In February, the strain was confirmed in several suburban Moscow districts, where it killed hundreds of domestic birds and forced the slaughter of 2,000 more birds. No human cases of bird flu have been reported in Russia as of yet. Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/22218470/

Government Facilities Sector

19. *December 13*, *Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Bomb scare forces Westmoreland courthouse evacuation.** On Wednesday, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, authorities said they had no suspects in a bomb scare that forced the evacuation of the courthouse. A man telephoned an anonymous threat to the courthouse at 9:20 a.m. and said that "the device would go off at 12:30 p.m." The call was answered in the county sheriff's office. County police, along with officers from Greensburg and the state police and county sheriff's deputies, spent more than two hours searching the perimeter of the courthouse and adjacent buildings with bomb-sniffing dogs. No bomb or other suspicious devices were found, and the courthouse was reopened yesterday shortly after 1 p.m.

Source:

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/tribunereview/news/westmoreland/s 542510.html

20. *December 12*, *Associated Press* – (California) **Acid-bomb scare shuts down Newport Beach school.** A 12-year-old boy was arrested Tuesday for building and bringing an

acid bomb to a Newport Beach, California, school, which was evacuated after the explosive device was found in a locker. It is not known why the young man brought the potentially lethal explosive to school. It was made from a volatile combination of sulfur and vinegar, and according to a police lieutenant, was capable of firing acidic debris as far as 300 feet. Classrooms were evacuated for 2 1/2 hours Tuesday while authorities searched the campus for other possible devices or threats; none were found. Source: http://cbs2.com/local/newport.beach.acid.2.609474.html

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Emergency Services Sector

21. December 13, Seaside Signal – (Oregon) Hams step into communication void. If there was ever an example of the importance of Ham radios, the storms last week were it. When all other forms of two-way communication crashed for more than a day, Ham operators stepped in to fill a vital role in emergency response. Seaside and most parts of Clatsop County, Oregon, not only lost landline phone service, but also cell phone service. Even the 9-1-1 service was out for about a day, a service considered so important that a few minutes of its absence sends chills up the spines of emergency responders. Dozens of Ham radio operators took to the airwaves to fill the communications void during the strongest part of the storm, helping to keep some order to an otherwise chaotic situation.

Source:

http://seasidesignal.com/articles/2007/12/13/news/local_news/doc476154dbdc8a8470648035.txt

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Information Technology

22. December 13, Computer Weekly – (National) Peer-to-peer botnets pose fresh network threat. Businesses, governments, and internet service providers face dangerous new network disruption and malware attacks from botnets based on peer-to-peer technology (P2P) instead of the more common hierarchical structure. The CEO of Kaspersky Laboratories, the Russian antivirus company that identified the new method, said the new method had already succeeded in strangling internet communications in the Russian cities of Krasnodar and Astrakhan for several weeks. "We do not know who was behind these attacks," he said. "It may have been a test." A senior virus analyst at Kaspersky, said the P2P nature of the new botnet meant that each infected machine needed to know only its neighbors. An instruction to activate the botnet could be sent to any of the machines in the network which would then propagate from machine to machine to build an attack. "Not having a central controller makes it very difficult to find the originating machine," he said, making it difficult to identify all the infected machines and hence to defend against the attack.

Source: http://www.computerweekly.com/Articles/2007/12/13/228590/peer-to-peer-botnets-pose-fresh-network-threat.htm

- 23. December 13, Computer Weekly (National) Hewlett-Packard laptop owners warned of security threat. Users of Hewlett-Packard laptops are being warned that software bundled with their machines could open them up to hackers. The US Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) says there is a security vulnerability in the HP Info Center Software, with a public exploit already circulating in hacking circles. "This vulnerability may allow a remote, unauthenticated attacker to execute arbitrary commands or to view or alter the system registry on affected systems," it said. To help mitigate the security risk, US-CERT recommends that users and administrators disable ActiveX controls on machines and check the security of their browsers.

 Source: http://www.computerweekly.com/Articles/2007/12/13/228592/hewlett-packard-laptop-owners-warned-of-security-threat.htm
- 24. December 12, Computerworld (National) Six federal security programs that are making a difference. Bethesda, Maryland-based SANS Institute has drawn up a list of what it considers to be some of the more successful security efforts within the federal government. The six initiatives on the list were selected based on actual evidence of having made substantial and measurable improvements in one or more of three areas: the ability to prevent cyber attacks against critical infrastructure targets, reducing national vulnerability to cyber attacks, and minimizing damage and recovery time from attacks that do occur. The initiatives selected were: The Federal Desktop Core Configuration initiative, the US-CERT Einstein program, the National SCADA Test Bed and Control Systems Security Program, the Department of Defense's Common Access Card program, the General Services Administration's SmartBuy program, and a joint cybercrime-fighting program from the Department of Justice and the FBI. The report credits the programs with cost savings and detection and correction of numerous security vulnerabilities.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9052899&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: https://www.it-isac.org/.

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Communications Sector

25. *December 13, Vnunet.com* – (International) **People increasingly tracked via their mobile phones.** The tracking of people through their mobile phones is set to increase as concerns over personal security outweigh reservations over privacy, according to a new study by Juniper Research. The report on tracking and navigation estimates that revenues from wireless tracking services, both of vehicles and people, in Western Europe are expected to reach nearly \$4.8bn by 2012, driven by the need to improve

business efficiency and concerns over personal safety. As the controlled use of personal location information becomes more accepted, the tracking of staff, particularly vulnerable workers, will be a strong initial driver in the business sector. By 2012, Juniper Research estimates that there will be more phones being tracked on a regular basis in Western Europe than vehicles, with nearly 21 million phones being tracked. Source: http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2205653/people-tracking-increased-growth

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Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *December 13*, *Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Lombard Von Maur evacuated after bomb threat.** The Von Maur department store at Yorktown Center in Lombard, Illinois, was evacuated Wednesday afternoon after someone called in a bomb threat, police said. No bomb was found and no one was injured, but tensions were high because a Von Maur store in Omaha was the scene of last Wednesday's shooting rampage, in which a gunman killed eight people and himself. The Lombard store remained closed for about 1 hour.

Source: http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-vonmaur 13 bothdec13,1,7149430.story

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

Nothing to report.

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Dams Sector

27. December 13, Republican – (Massachusetts) Levee project beats deadline. The West Springfield, Massachusetts, has completed work on the levee system along the Connecticut and Westfield rivers in advance of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' January 31 deadline. It appears the city is the first to finish improvements that three communities were ordered to make to their dike systems. The improvements, which included repairs and a considerable amount of tree and brush removal, were undertaken after the corps downgraded the condition of the levees in municipalities nationwide. In the process of improving the dike, 140 animal burrows were found, which were filled in with compacted material that is of the same density as the dike. Burrowing animals are expected to be an ongoing problem and the city will need to develop a plan to deal with them on an ongoing basis.

Source: http://www.masslive.com/chicopeeholyoke/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-12/1197534190145440.xml&coll=1

28. December 12, Telegraph – (Georgia) Ocmulgee levee problems subject of scheduled

meeting today. Almost a year ago, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers gave Macon, Georgia, one year to fix problems with its levee. The largest portion of that work, the removal of hundreds of mature trees from the earthen embankment, has not been done. Corps and city officials are scheduled to meet today to discuss the levee. The chief of the navigation branch operations division for the Corps indicated in an e-mail last week that "all deficiencies must be corrected by January 2009," or the levee that protects Macon from floods will be decommissioned. But the head of Macon's engineering department said he understood that the corps was giving the city a two-year reprieve until a study of the levee can be completed. The study would be conducted by the corps and paid for by the corps and the city, in equal portions. Although the scope of the study has not been determined, similar studies have cost more than \$1 million. The city is responsible for maintaining the levee, and the corps is responsible for building and inspecting it.

Source: http://www.macon.com/198/story/210465.html

29. December 12, Star of Grand Coulee – (National) Measure would limit dam security bills. A bill to limit ratepayers' expense for homeland security costs at Grand Coulee Dam and other federal dams passed the House of Representatives on December 5 and now will move to the Senate. The bill limits homeland security costs that could be imposed on the region's water and power consumers to 15 percent. The bill also mandates an annual report and five-year spending plan to bring about more transparency and cost certainty. Although total security costs at Grand Coulee Dam have not been made available, contracts with local police agencies approach \$1 million, which does not include the cost of the Bureau of Reclamation's own security program.

http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=19108476&BRD=1013&PAG=461&dept id=387707&rfi=6

30. December 12, AccessNorthGA.com – (Georgia) Buford Dam bomb scare over. The Gwinnett County Police Department bomb squad was called to investigate a suspicious package at the Lake Lanier Management Office at the Buford Dam about 10:00 a.m. Police said their preliminary investigation indicated that an employee went to a post office for the usual mail pick up. Included in the mail was a box package. When the package was opened, there were two metal tins inside, but there was no note or anything else to show who sent them or where they were mailed, because of that, the employee called police. A routine evacuation of the office was conducted, according to police, and the bomb squad deployed its robot to x-ray and neutralize the package. It turns out there were cookies in the tins. Apparently, according to police, the office has received threats in the past and those threats coupled with the suspicious package prompted the 911 call to police. Police had no other information on those threats. Officers say they will investigate further to try to determine who mailed the cookies and from where. Source: http://www.accessnorthga.com/detail.php?n=204815&c=10

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